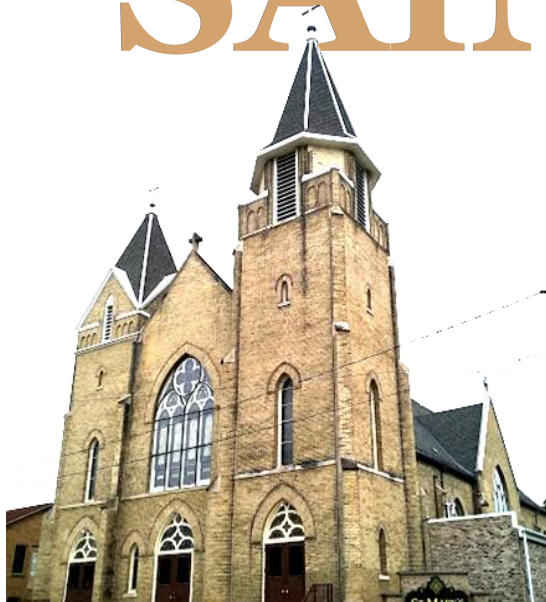


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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Tue, 5:30 pm
Wed, Thurs, & Fri, 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:25 am

Confessions

Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm
During Lent: Sundays 8-8:45 & 12-12:45
Also by appointment

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm
Sunday 8:35 am & 12:35 pm



"I do believe, Lord"

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 21

5:30 pm † Fr. Eugene Trainer
By: Family

Wednesday, March 22

8:30 am † Ann Nate
By: Ken & Mary Jo
Engevold

Thursday, March 23

8:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
By: Angela Dziewior

Friday, March 24

8:30 am † William Zenk
By: Zenk Family

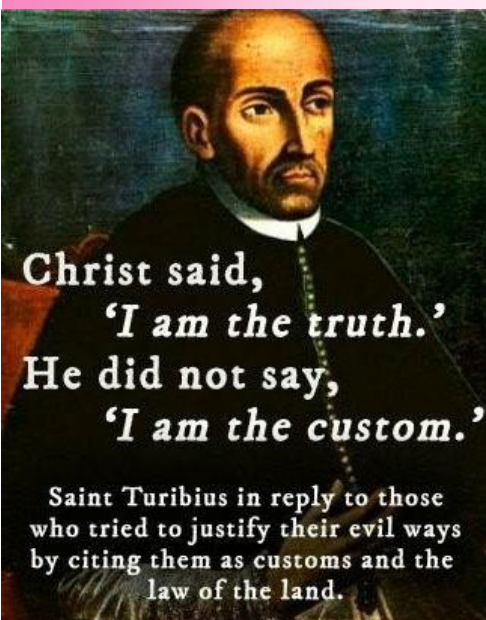
Saturday, March 25

7:00 pm † Ellen Crowley Conlin
By: Leo & Jeanette
Crowley

Sunday, March 26

9:00 am † Bob Walsh
By: KC Solomon
Juneau Council

1:00 pm Parishioner Mass



Feast Day: March 23rd

Upcoming Events

**Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast**

March 19th after the 9:00 Mass

Sacred Worship Meeting

March 20th @ 6:30 pm

Finance Council Meeting

March 21st @ 6:30 pm

**Soup, Sandwich, & Story
w/ Jennifer Ludtke**

March 22nd & 29th @ 6-7:30 pm

**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament**

Following the 9 am Mass-12:30
March 26th

Ladies Sodality Meeting

May 11th @ 1:00 pm

A message from Fr. Cryton,

The Spiritual Blindness

THE FOURTH SUNDAY of Lent invite us to reflect on Spiritual Blindness. We hear Jesus healing a blind through the Gospel today. As Jesus healed a man with physical blindness, we too are called to be healed from our spiritual blindness.

John Newton was a slave trader in the 18th century. There was a violent storm at sea that tossed his slave ship like a matchstick. Newton was terrified, and he cried out to God, *"If you stop this storm, see me safely home, I promise to cease slave-trading, and to become your slave."* The ship survived, and Newton kept his promise. He became a minister of the gospel, and it was he who later wrote the hymn Amazing Grace.

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound. That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

N. Emmons, D.D. writes how our spiritual blindness can destroy our life. "All men are either saints or sinners; and they are all walking in paths as different as the characters they sustain. The text indicates that sinners are in such darkness that they are insensible of the objects which are leading them to ruin." *When we commit sin and spiritually blinded, remain under the entire dominion of a wicked heart, they are altogether blind to the moral beauty of the character, of the works, of the providence of God.*

⇒ We are insensible that we stumble at the great deceiver.

⇒ We are not sensible that we are stumbling at one another.

⇒ That we stumble at Divine providence.

⇒ That our common employments are dangerous objects, over which we are stumbling and falling.

⇒ We are no less blind to the nature and tendency of our religious performances.

⇒ The moral blindness of sinners insensibly leads us to stumble at the preaching we hear.

⇒ We are blind to the blindness of our own hearts, which are insensibly leading us to blackness and darkness for ever

"The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble."

Proverbs 4:19

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES IN THE AREA:

Wednesday, March 29th @ 6:00 pm - St. Cecilia's - Wisconsin Dells

Thursday, March 30th @ 7:00 pm - St. Patrick's - Mauston

REMINDER: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 9 am Mass next weekend until the 1 pm Mass.

Save the Date!!!

The parish festival will take place this year on September 3rd. More details to follow!

The Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus is selling raffle tickets for 100 prizes including a 2023 Ford F150 XLT and a 2023 Harley Davidson Motorcycle.

St. Patrick's Parish is having a Sportsmen's Raffle with prizes including a crossbow, shotgun, and rifle.

Tickets for both raffles are available after Masses this weekend. You can also contact a Knights of Columbus member or the parish office.

THIS SUNDAY!!! March 19th after the 9 am Mass

Make sure to come eat some delicious pancakes at the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast in St. Mary's church hall!



Attention High School Seniors!!

St. Mary's Parish will again be offering **\$250 Scholarships** this year to graduating seniors that have been an active part of St. Mary's Parish. Guidelines and applications can be requested from the parish office by phone, e-mail, or pick up at the rectory. Application deadline is: **April 30, 2023**

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

If you wish to donate money towards Easter flowers in memory of loved ones, please put the money in an envelope with your name on it, who you want remembered, and put the envelope in the offertory collection or mail to the parish office.

Soup, Sandwich, & Story

March 22nd & 29th 6-7:30 pm

Join your fellow parishioners as we embark on a 2-night faith renewal program where we will recall some of the best Bible stories where Christ revealed himself to the people. A chance to recall God's greatest gift to us and his great LOVE for us... both individually and as a community of believers. How do we respond to this gift? A simple ministry of breaking bread with our fellow community members (hosted by our youth group) with a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas in Madison. Come enjoy a simple meal and consider your own faith story.

A little bit about the presenter: Jenny Ludtke has been working in Catholic parishes for almost 30 years, and for the past 15 years she's been at St. Thomas Aquinas on the west side of Madison. While her title is Director of Evangelization and Outreach, she informally considers herself 'an instigator and a nudger'. Helping her pastor, staff and parish family to stay focused on becoming missionary disciples is at the core of what she does. Through service, speakers, small groups, focused evangelization training, and prayer - there are so many ways to experience Jesus in a way that changes how you live! When Jenny joins us on March 22 and 29, she will lead us through both scripture and our own stories as ways to not only love Jesus more, but to share that love with others.

Summary of Pastoral Council Minutes - Feb. 28, 2023

Ladies Sodality: St. Mary's and St. Luke's Lyndon Station coordinating to sponsor a month for the Sharing Supper in Mauston. Ladies Banquet scheduled for June 22nd; details will be in the bulletin.

Religious Education: First Communion and May Crowning will be May 7th at 9:00 am mass. Confirmation set for May 16th at St. Francis of Assisi in Necedah. Education committee is being formed.

Sacred Worship: Parish mission 7th and 8th of March with Fr. Zoy. RCIA class includes two individuals.

Knights of Columbus: Pancake Breakfast set for March 19th after 9:00 am mass. Raffle tickets are being sold statewide by Knights of Columbus members. Money made will be distributed to local and state councils for charitable community purposes.

Buildings and Grounds: Bids are being acquired for new church doors. Convent roof bid approved; roof will be replaced this spring.

Mission statement: Parish had two mission statements, one website and one bulletin. The council approved the statement on the bulletin as the "official mission statement". History Committee will have a sign placed on the location of St. Bridget's Church with basic information regarding the church.

Diocesan Director of Liturgy from the Diocese will have a program May 8th 6-8pm.

Members of all Councils and Committees should attend.

Next Jubilee meeting will be after Easter.

Did You Know/Tour of the Church

March seems to be a good month for Saints! Last week on March 17th we celebrated St. Patrick. This week on March 20th the church will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

St. Joseph is a familiar person to many. Today let's look at our statue of St. Joseph we have in our church and the symbolism of what is in his arms: The carpenter's square symbolizes Saint Joseph's occupation and is also a symbol of accuracy and truth. The lilies symbolize integrity and indicate that Saint Joseph was the earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose purity is represented by the chaste white lily. Three flowers are used to represent the Blessed Trinity. Our Statue is located near the front of the church on the side closest to the Parish House.

St. Joseph is regarded as the patron saint of workers and is associated with various feast days. The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph. Pope Pius IX declared him to be both the patron and the protector of the Catholic Church, in addition to his patronages of the sick and of a happy death, due to the belief that he died in the presence of Jesus and Mary. Being a patron saint of the virgins, too, he is venerated as "most chaste".

I was just thinking. You may not need any carpentry work done around the house, but why not invite someone to church and show them our statue of St. Joseph! **Deacon Tom**



Financial Stewardship

March 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes.....\$1570.00

Student Envelopes.....\$5.00

Offertory.....\$219.00

Votive Candles.....\$30.60

Total \$1824.60

(154 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed \$100,368.72

PRAYER CHAIN

Assignments this week:

Mar 20 James & Judy Hall

Mar 21 James & Bridgett Hall

Mar 22 Joseph & Shelia Hall

Mar 23 Keith Hall

Mar 24 Rita Hall

Fridays of Lent: Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed before 8:30 am Mass and the Stations of the Cross prayed after the 8:30 am Mass

Confession Opportunities:

Tuesdays @ 5:00pm

Saturdays @ 6:00pm

Sundays @ 8:00-8:45am
and @ 12:00-12:45pm

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, March 25, 7:00 pm

Lector.....Joyce Fuller

Servers.....Katelyn Browne

.....Aron Browne

Ushers.....Dan McGowan

.....Jim Arens

.....Matt McGowan

Gift Bearers....Leo & Jeanette Crowley

Musician.....Tracey Tolzmann

Sunday, March 26, 9:00 am

Lector.....Sheri Guyse

Servers.....Mick McCormick

.....Stella Finucan

.....Anton Erickson

Ushers.....Tom Guyse

.....Jim Cauley

.....Matthew Leja

Gift Bearers.....Erickson Family

Musician.....Jade Pusel

Sunday, March 26, 1:00 pm

Lector.....Marcy Krogh

Ushers.....Zach Housworth

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❖ **Rice Bowls/Mite boxes.** For works of charity

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19 4th Sunday of Lent <p>"I am the light of the world!" John 9:5</p>	20 <p>Create a Prayer Space in your home with a cross, Bible, cloth, and a rock or candle. Gather and pray as a family.</p>	21 <p>Write a prayer for someone in your family—make it a surprise!</p>	22 <p>Talk with your family tonight: "Do we love God more this Lent? If not, how can we grow closer these last few weeks?"</p>	23 <p>Give up something you like (TV, ice cream) today and offer it for someone in need.</p>	24 <p>Pray and remember the Way of the Cross that Jesus walked on Good Friday.</p>	25 <p>Thank your Mom for being a great Mother. Read about Jesus' mother in Luke 1:26-38.</p>